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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

Religion and Health

The recent decision of the Federal Council of the Churches to appoint a Committee on Religion and Health is indicative of a growing interest, which is by no means confined to the clergy and religious leaders. It is expressed no less by eminent physicians and psychologists. The oft-quoted remark of Dr. C. G. Jung, based on his experiences in his famous clinic at Zurich, to which people suffering from mental ills have come from all over the world, is a notable case in point:

"Among all my patients in the second half of life—that is to say, over thirty-five—there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he had lost that which the living religions of every age have given their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook. . . . It seems that side by side with the decline of religious life, the neuroses grow noticeably more frequent."

Anyone who has had a vital faith in God is in a position to understand the deep reasons that lie behind Dr. Jung's statement. To believe in God is to believe that life makes sense, to find ultimate meaning in what is otherwise a meaningless existence. If life goes all by chance, if there is no moral and spiritual structure of Reality, if the final nature of things is utterly indifferent to our welfare, then a sense of futility and

fear and disillusionment is our natural lot. Religious faith, on the other hand, affords a philosophy which gives real meaning and purpose and unity to human living and makes it possible for us to have inner serenity and confidence in the face of the worst that life can do to us. Such faith is therefore the great anchorage against fear and despair and over-strain.

The world today is full of men and women who live scared and depressed lives just because they have no such anchorage. Their mental health is close to the breaking-point. They feel inadequate for life. They have what St. Paul described as "the spirit of fear," rather than "of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Many psychiatrists, unfortunately, have little or no acquaintance with the resources of religion for the inner life of individuals. And many ministers have little or no understanding of the difficulties which make it necessary for people to go to the psychiatrist. Happily, however, there is an increasing number of psychiatrists who are learning what religious faith can mean for healthy-mindedness and an increasing number of clergymen who are more fully aware of the kind of conflicts and needs which distressed minds face. Historically, the clergyman has been the man to whom people turn when in serious perplexities. He visits in their homes. He interprets to them the purpose and meaning of life as understood by the Christian Gospel. He is, therefore, in a position to understand the disorders of people in the initial stages

and to do much in the way of prevention. He is also in a position to coöperate with the psychiatrist who is visited by the victims of emotional or mental ills.

This is no plea for the minister to become an amateurish or half-baked psychiatrist. He will usually do more harm than good by attempting such a role. But by friendly coöperation with the psychiatrist, the minister can be more effective in his own distinctive function. Through a better understanding of problems of personal maladjustment, through the ability to recognize some of the more common ailments, through knowing (like his Master) "what is in man," he may bring the resources of religion more vitally and directly to the aid of those in need.

Even more important is it to recognize that every minister in his normal ministry, as a man of God and an exponent of religious faith, has a great part to play in keeping people well. A distinguished British psychiatrist who has had a life-long experience in dealing with nervous breakdowns has declared that "of all the hygienic measures to counteract depression of spirits and all the miserable results of a distracted mind, I would undoubtedly give first place to the simple habit of prayer." A physician at the Medical Center in New York points out that multitudes of people would be immensely helped by the very thing in which the churches are supposed to specialize—"worship, or such devotional techniques as prayer and meditation." Dr. Richard C. Cabot and Rev. Russell Dicks, collaborating as physician and hospital chaplain in their remarkable volume on "The Art of Ministering to the Sick," point out that the minister's contact with those who are ill may often induce an attitude of faith and trust which will be an important factor in recovery. There is literal truth in the insight that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

All this lends deep significance to the consultations which representatives of the Federal Council of Churches and the New York Academy of Medicine have carried on for several years, as recorded on another page of the BULLETIN, and will cause many to look eagerly to the future development of the Council's Committee on Religion and Health.

Are We Ready for a New Level of Unity?

In a full-page announcement appearing in the November BULLETIN, Mr. Roger W. Babson, distinguished statistician and Moderator of the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches, appealed to his fellow-Christians in the various Protestant denominations to adopt the policy of committing more administrative tasks to interdenominational agencies. More concretely, he advocated the use of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for this purpose.

His proposal, if adopted, would mean that the interdenominational program of Protestantism would pass beyond the stage of *coördination* of denominational efforts, also beyond the stage of *coöperation* in specific undertakings, and move into the stage of unified *administration*. This, Mr. Babson regards as sound common sense, calculated both to secure greater efficiency in work and also to give practical expression to the spirit of unity that has really come into being.

The decision, of course, is one which must be made by the responsible leadership of the denominations themselves, not by the Federal Council. For the Federal Council, it is sufficient to say that, in our judgment, it should accept such enlarged responsibilities when the denominations see fit to assign them to it. We have no thought that the Federal Council should itself ask for such a delegation of administrative functions. Its proper role is not to reach out for new powers but to be prepared to discharge them to the best of its ability when the Protestant denominations conclude that they desire it.

It may not be amiss, however, to point out that the plan is not as radical or as untried as it may at first appear. The fact is that within modest limits both the Federal Council and other interdenominational agencies are already exercising certain functions which must be described in terms of unified administration. When a city federation of churches directs the program of weekday religious schools for the Protestant churches of a community, that is clearly centralized administration. When the Federal Council assumes the responsibility for the broadcasting of religious programs over national networks, that, too, is centralized admin-

stration. When three mission boards join in setting up a "United Board for Christian Work in Santo Domingo," with a common budget and provision for complete direction of the program by the united board, that is an obvious case of unified administration. When the Home Missions Council creates an Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture in which several denominational agencies are merged and which is jointly supported by them, no clearer illustration of unified administration could be desired.

In the last two cases cited above the unified administration rests upon an official delegation of function to the interdenominational body by the several denominational groups. All that is needed to give wider effect to Mr. Babson's proposal is to carry further a procedure which has already been found advantageous.

We point out these tentative approaches to the new policy, not for the purpose of urging that the Federal Council be the agency to be thus employed by the denominations, but for the sake of stimulating discussion of the major issue. That issue is whether the time has not come when the denominations should employ *some* interdenominational agency of their own choosing for a larger number of actual administrative functions.

The Hour of Decision on Child Labor

The national child labor amendment, already ratified by one-half of the states of the Union, is once more before the forum of public opinion as a result of the appeal of the President of the United States for favorable action by the states which have not adopted it. In this discussion the churches, because of their inevitable interest in the protection of children and youth from exploitation, have a vital concern.

At the meeting of the Federal Council's Executive Committee, held on January 22, the following timely action was taken:

"At its Biennial Meeting in 1934 the Federal Council of Churches urged the 'speedy ratification of the national child labor amendment by the states.' This was advocated in order that an epoch-marking achievement under the N.R.A. codes, which practically abolished child labor in the industries governed by them, might be made

permanent and secure. Since this action was taken the N.R.A. codes have been rendered ineffective and child labor is again becoming a serious national problem. For this condition there is but one visible remedy.

"Again, we urge the ratification of the federal child labor amendment."

Minor differences of opinion about the wording of the amendment undoubtedly exist in church circles as well as elsewhere. There are those who would like the amendment better if the age limit within which Congress might exercise discretionary power were fixed at sixteen instead of eighteen. But the fact remains that it is the only effective proposal now before the people for achieving an important advance in social welfare which, beyond question, is earnestly desired by the overwhelming majority of all thoughtful church members. To reject the amendment would be tantamount—so far as we can see—to rejecting the one proposal which today affords real hope of abolishing child labor. The Federal Government has twice passed legislation against child labor but in both cases the laws were found to be unconstitutional. An amendment to the Constitution appears to be the one practicable solution.

To those who have misgivings about the amendment it is important to point out certain misunderstandings which have arisen concerning its nature and purpose. The amendment does not in itself prohibit, or even regulate, the labor of any children—it only enables Congress to do so at its discretion and to such an extent as the judgment of the people, expressed through their representatives, may from time to time decide to be wise. Nor can it be convincingly argued that the authority of the home is put in danger of invasion by government, for no powers are granted to the Federal Government which are not already possessed by the governments of the states. The purpose of the amendment is to supplement the present exercise of regulatory power by the states in order to make it effective for the nation as a whole and thus prevent a minority of industries in a minority of the states from frustrating a policy desired by a majority of industries in a great majority of the states.

Leadership Selected for Cooperative Work

At the meeting of the Federal Council's Executive Committee on January 22, the organization of the Council for the biennium 1937-38, under the presidency of Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones and the vice-presidency of Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, was completed by the election of the following chairmen of departments and committees:

Evangelism—Rev. George A. Buttrick, Chairman

Rev. W. S. Kerschner, Vice-chairman

Social Service—Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Chairman

Professor John C. Bennett, Vice-chairman

Industrial Committee—Rev. J. Howard Melish, Chairman

Committee on Marriage and the Home—Professor Ernest R. Groves, Chairman

Rev. E. P. Westphal, Vice-chairman

International Justice and Goodwill—Miss Mary E. Woolley, Chairman

Rev. James H. Franklin, Vice-chairman

Race Relations—Rev. W. H. Jernagin, Chairman

Mrs. Lucius R. Eastman, Vice-chairman

Research and Education—Rev. Justin W. Nixon, Chairman

Mrs. John H. Finley, Vice-chairman

Field—Rev. Hermann N. Morse, Chairman

Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, Vice-chairman

Washington Committee—Rev. W. S. Abernethy, Chairman

Midwest Committee—Rev. Herbert L. Willett, Chairman

Committee on Religious Work on the Canal Zone—Rev. Thomas S. Donohugh, Chairman

Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains—Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo, Chairman

Religious Radio—Rev. Theodore F. Savage, Chairman

Rev. Joseph C. Hazen, Vice-chairman

Relations with Churches Abroad—Rev. William Adams Brown, Chairman

Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, Vice-chairman

Committee on Worship—Rev. O. T. Olson, Chairman

Committee on Religion and Health—Rev. Howard Chandler Robbins, Chairman

Committee on Financial and Fiduciary Matters—Mr. George A. Huggins, Chairman

In carrying on the work of the Executive Committee itself, the following were named as chairmen of important committees:

Finance Committee—Mr. Orrin R. Judd, Chairman

Advisory Committee—Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, Chairman

Committee on Publications—Rev. Robert A. Ashworth

The secretarial personnel is as follows:

Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary

Rev. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary, Department of Evangelism

Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk, Executive Secretary, and

Rev. Roswell P. Barnes, Associate Secretary, Department of International Justice and Goodwill

Rev. F. Ernest Johnson, Executive Secretary, and Benson Y. Landis, Associate Secretary, Department of Research and Education

George E. Haynes, Executive Secretary, and Katherine Gardner, Associate Secretary, Department of Race Relations

Frank C. Goodman, Executive Secretary, Department of Religious Radio

Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, Executive Secretary, Department of Relations with Churches Abroad

Rev. James Myers, Industrial Secretary

Rev. L. Foster Wood, Secretary, Committee on Marriage and the Home

Rev. Philip A. Swartz, Secretary for Promotion

Miss Aenid A. Sanborn, Editorial Secretary

Miss Anna E. Caldwell, Secretary, Women's Cooperating Commission

Rev. Worth M. Tippy and Rev. Roy B. Guild, who entered upon an emeritus relationship with the Council on December 31, are to continue to give part-time service to the Departments of the Church and Social Service and the Field Department, respectively, until their successors are named.

Pray for Industrial Peace

After holding a series of hearings at which representatives of the maritime unions on strike on the Pacific coast and representatives of the employers had stated their cases, the Social Service Commission of the San Francisco Church Federation issued a call for prayer for industrial peace by the churches of the area. The call which was mailed to the ministers was accompanied by specific suggestions as to the "Maritime Peace Principles" which after long study and discussion the Commission had drafted in coöperation with the San Francisco unit of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. The call to prayer and the suggested Peace Program were given to the press and sent to the Shipping Merchants Association which acted for the promotion and clearing of non-partisan appeals for peace. There was no attempt to include in these specific suggestions the difficult technical details, but a significant list of *principles* was laid down, including full recognition of collective bargaining.

In coöperation with this general appeal for prayers and sermons on a specific Sunday, Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parsons mailed a special prayer, composed by himself, which might be used in churches of his diocese. In addition to members of the Social Service Commission, of which Rev. Edgar A. Lowther is chairman and Rev. Her- rick J. Lane is secretary and the officers of the San Francisco Council of Jews and Christians, Rabbi Rudolph Coffee and Mr. J. H. McCallum, a number of prominent pastors signed the appeal.

Follow-up of Preaching Mission

IN accordance with plans outlined at the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council last December, plans are now under way both for conserving the values of the Preaching Mission in cities already visited and for extending the mission to additional cities. Many cities which could not be included in the itinerary of last fall are now asking that the mission come to them either this spring in the period between Easter and Pentecost or next fall. Among the cities in which plans are formulated for April are St. Paul-Minneapolis, Oklahoma City, Denver and Nashville. A group of about fifteen missionaries for each of these cities will be organized and the program will include special conferences for ministers, for women, and for young people, together with seminars of an educational character as well as great popular meetings.

The follow-up program in the cities to which the Preaching Mission has already gone is being carried on jointly by the Federal Council, the International Council of Religious Education and the Home Missions Councils. The National Council of Federated Church Women, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the Missionary Education Movement are also coöperating in this project.

The plan for follow-up centers around an educational program with special emphasis upon training adults in Christian living. The program will be carried on under the designation "United Christian Advance." At a meeting in New York on January 15 Dr. Harry C. Munro of the International Council of Religious Education was elected Executive Chairman of the joint staffs of the several interdenominational bodies which will coöperate in the program. A "School in Christian Living" is proposed for each city, to be followed by a concerted em-

phasis on "Building Together the Christian Community." Along with the emphasis upon adult education will go a promotion of the United Youth Movement and the Laymen's Movement for Reaching the Unchurched.

The full report of the National Preaching Mission has now been issued in pamphlet form by the Federal Council of Churches, summarizing and interpreting the movement for a spiritual awakening and rekindling of evangelistic effort during the last four months of 1936. Copies of this pamphlet are available upon request.

Unprecedented attention has been given to the National Preaching Mission in the columns of nearly all the religious journals, both denominational and interdenominational. The *Presbyterian Banner* issued a special number devoted to a Preaching Mission appraisal on January 7. A summary by Dr. E. Stanley Jones has appeared in the *Christian-Evangelist* of December 24, the *Western Christian Advocate* and the *Nashville Christian Advocate* of January 15, and in other papers. The *Christian Century* of December 23 carried an appreciative interpretation of the Preaching Mission as one of its leading features. The *Lutheran* of January 7 presents a lengthy article by Dr. Oscar Blackwelder, analyzing the spiritual values of the Mission. The *Presbyterian Advance* of January 7 presents a full interpretation of the significance of the Mission by Dr. William Hiram Foulkes. The *Watchman-Examiner* (Baptist) has carried a vivid article by Ambrose M. Bailey regarding his personal impressions of the Mission. Among other important journals which have given major attention to the Mission are the New York *Christian Advocate*, the *United Presbyterian*, the *Missionary Review of the World* and the *Messenger* of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Foreign Missions Face Rural Life and Youth

INTENSIVE studies of two important questions marked the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, held in Asbury Park, N. J., January 6-8. The first had to do with the progress made in foreign lands in carrying out the rural missions program and the agricultural and community betterment program, advanced by the Jerusalem Meeting of the International Missionary Council in 1928. The second question was the ever-baffling one of how to present the missionary cause so as to capture the attention and the support of the younger men and women of America.

Dr. John H. Reisner, Executive Secretary of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, recently returned from an extensive study of conditions in Africa, brought encouraging information as to how colonial governments are attempting to provide for the needs of people in their vast rural territories. On the other hand, he expressed the con-

viction that "the missionary body in Africa as a whole is in less intimate contact with the village than it was ten years ago." This, he declared, is because missionaries, on account of lack of numbers, are now being concentrated in the central stations and tied down to institutions. Dr. John L. Goheen, of the Presbyterian Church in Western India, gave an encouraging list of mission village undertakings. The National Christian Council in China, according to Rev. Hugh Wells Hubbard, of Pao-tingfu, is leading a rural and village development in that land and is causing mission bodies in China to rethink and rebuild their programs.

As for youth, the situation among college and university students was discussed by Lyman Hoover, of the Y.M.C.A. in China, and the attitude of post-college young men and women, especially those in business, was outlined by Mrs. Leslie E. Swain. There is idealism in

both—they want to be a part of an ongoing force for good to humanity. But often they find the Christian Church too powerless to be the means of making the changes they seek. Older people, it was said, fail to accord youth places of leadership; the language of the Church is often meaningless to youth; and the Church is *talking* but not *living* or *working toward* the Kingdom of God which it preaches. Discussion of the problem of the printed appeal, as presented by Charles H. Fahs, focussed attention upon the necessity of a careful study of missionary publications and of their platform appeals to younger church members and students; also on the need for radio and motion picture presentation of the cause through interdenominational agencies.

The highlight of the Conference was the address by the President, Dr. Robert E. Speer, in a sense a valedictory statement, as he retires this year from active service. Many things have changed during the forty-six years of his service, Dr. Speer said, and many things have proven themselves unchangeable. "God is the same as He was in the days of the fathers and the founders, Christ

is the same, and the Gospel is the same; the aim, the hope and the conviction of the Church and of the missionaries are the same; and never changing also are the practical spiritual principles." Looking back over the years, and viewing the thousands in every land who have responded to the Gospel message, we have cause to rejoice and to take courage, Dr. Speer said. "Today there are six million Christians in India—more than there were in all the world at the end of the third Christian century. . . . At the end of fifty years of mission service in Korea, there are more Christians there than there were in all the Roman Empire at the end of the first Christian century."

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis reported that in the autumn of 1938 the meeting of the International Missionary Council will be held in Hangchow. There will be thirty delegates from the United States and five from Canada. The main topics of consideration include "The Faith by Which the Church Lives," "The Witness of the Church," "The Life of the Church," "The Church and Its Environment," and "Closer Coöperation."

Home Missions Face City Church

THE Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions met in their 29th annual meeting in Asbury Park, N. J., January 10-14. There were more than 200 delegates in attendance, representing thirty denominational boards. While the two Councils are separate organizations, they sustain a very close working relationship. Most of their committees are joint and the major part of the time at the annual meetings is given to joint sessions. Each year some major interest is featured. Last year it was the Rural Church; this year, the City Church. Next year the special emphasis will be the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions.

The Conference on the City Church, occupying the last two days, was of a high order. Important addresses were given on "The Urban Process and the Human Spirit," by Dr. Charles H. Sears, General Secretary of the Baptist City Societies of New York and Brooklyn, and on "The Religious Process and the Human Spirit," by Dr. J. V. Moldenhawer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, New York. "The Negroes, a Typical Group Caught in the Urban Process," was the topic discussed by Rev. Horatio F. Hill, Director of the Baptist Negro Educational Center in Harlem, New York; Miss Lucy D. Slowe, Dean of Women, Howard University, and Rev. Frank T. Barry, Director of Woodland Center, Cleveland. Prof. Samuel Kincheloe of Chicago Theological Seminary spoke on "The City, a Field for Social and Religious Adventure." "The Evangelistic Program of the City Church" was presented by Dr. Jesse M. Bader, of the Federal Council of Churches, and "Ways in Which

Religion May Be Made Effective in the Lives of City People" by Rev. Laurence T. Hosie of the Judson Memorial Church, New York. The high point in the first day was the panel discussion.

On the second day, "The Church and the Child Life of the City" was discussed under the chairmanship of Mrs. Kenneth D. Miller of Detroit, Mich. Papers were read by Miss Charlotte M. Burnham, Associate Secretary of the Council of Women for Home Missions on "Juvenile Delinquency"; by Rev. Harry T. Stock, of the Congregational Educational Society, on the "United Christian Youth Program"; by Rev. Philip C. Jones, Associate Minister of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, on "The Church School", and by Dr. Ernest G. Guthrie, Director of Congregational-Christian Churches in Chicago, on "The Civic Projection of the Urban Church."

The closing session was given to the general theme, "The Interdenominational Approach to the Modern City." Papers were presented on "Church Federations" by Rev. Ross W. Sanderson, Executive Secretary, Baltimore Federation of Churches; on "The City Societies" by Rev. Frederick B. Newell, Executive Secretary, New York City Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; on "The National Interdenominational Councils," by Rev. Paul D. Eddy, of the International Council of Religious Education.

A joint committee was appointed to make a special study of the Councils—their functions, program and relationship—and to report to the next meeting, when special emphasis will be given to ways and means of making home missions known to the churches.

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Reports have been published, and are still available, on leading brands of tires, gasolines, motor oils, and anti-freeze solutions. (See listings in coupon below.)

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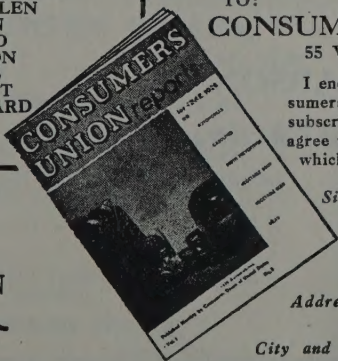
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Cooperation in the Interest of Africa

A NEW program of coöperation is being initiated between the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the Federal Council of Churches in the interest of African welfare. The African Welfare Committee of the Federal Council and the Africa Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference will be separate, responsible each to its own organization, but membership will interlock, the budget will be shared, and the total program and the allocation of its parts to the two organizations for execution will be jointly decided. Rev. Emory Ross, for many years one of the leading American missionaries in Africa, will serve as the executive of both committees.

The Federal Council's part of the program will be largely that of presentation, of interpretation, of visualization to the American churches of the African scene upon which a Christian Church is building—the culture, the society, the religion, the economics, the politics, the world greed and strife concerning Africa, which help to make that coming continent so important in this changing world. The Federal Council through its African Welfare Committee will clasp hands firmly with the missionary forces in an effort to see that America does not fail in its total aid to the continent whence came the forefathers of twelve millions of our advancing fellow-citizens. This new coöperation is merely beginning. Its budget is not wholly underwritten for this first year. But agreement is complete as to its need and its opportunity. It moves in the direction of that Christian coöperation without which the Church cannot hope effectively to face its task.

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15th Observance of Race Relations Sunday

The interracial movement in the churches against the evils of racial conflict and prejudice will be emphasized throughout the nation on February 14, by the fifteenth annual observance of Race Relations Sunday.

James Hardy Dillard, of Charlottesville, Va., for twenty-five years president of the Jeannes Fund for improvement of Negro rural schools, Edward T. Devine, formerly Professor of Social Science at Columbia University, and George E. Haynes, Executive Secretary of the Federal Council's Department of Race Relations since its formation, were among the outstanding leaders in starting the interracial movement. The first local Southern interracial committee was at Nashville, Tenn., where it grew out of coöperative undertakings begun in 1910 by the Department of Social Science at Fisk University, a Negro institution, and faculty members of the missionary training school of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the close of the World War when there were riots and near-riots upon the return of Negro soldiers from France, the regional Southern Interracial Commission was formed and spread over the cities and counties of the South, and Dr. W. W. Alexander, now Director of the Resettlement Administration of the Federal Government, was for seventeen years its executive director. Efforts for the national extension of the movement led to the organization of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches.

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In the observance of Race Relations Sunday, churches of all denominations throughout the country will participate. Among other activities there will be many exchanges of pulpits and choirs between Negro and white churches, interracial mass meetings and young people's group contacts.

Peak Demand for Fellowship of Prayer

Each day's mail as the BULLETIN goes to press is bringing thousands of orders for the Fellowship of Prayer, the manual of daily devotions for individual or family use during the Lenten season beginning Ash Wednesday, February 10, and continuing until Easter, March 28.

New ways of using the Fellowship of Prayer are being constantly reported. In Portland, Ore., two years ago Dr. E. C. Farnham, Executive Secretary of the Port-

land Council of Churches, took 250 copies of the Fellowship of Prayer to one of the leading hotels and suggested that they be placed in the rooms on Ash Wednesday. The manager did this with some misgiving, but later reported that he had so many appreciative comments from hotel guests that he desired to follow the practice regularly every year.

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The warm reception given to the Fellowship of Prayer during nineteen years has led to the development of a special Fellowship of Prayer for Children. This was launched by the Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education with which the Federal Council of Churches is co-operating in the interest of extending the plan on a national basis. The children's booklet this year is entitled "Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls." It is attractively arranged with pictures designed to arrest the attention of children. It is available at 10c. per copy; 5c. per copy for orders of 10 or more copies. Parents and Sunday school teachers will find it a great asset to their work.

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When the Academy of Medicine recently decided to maintain a separate committee of its own on Emotions and Health, the Federal Council's Executive Committee provided for the appointment of a standing committee of its own on Religion and Health, with the understanding that the two committees, though separate, would keep in touch with each other and confer from time to time on matters of common interest. Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, Professor of Pastoral Theology in the General Theological Seminary and for several years Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, is to be chairman of the new committee of the Federal Council. The personnel of the committee is now being selected and it is expected that within a few months a secretary will be secured who will give special attention to educational work in this field, which is coming to be

recognized as one of crucial significance both by religious and medical leaders.

Copies of the pamphlet may be had free upon request to the Federal Council of Churches, 105 East 22nd Street, New York.

Cadman Memorial Dinner

The Federal Council has long been planning some fitting memorial observance for Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. His untimely death last summer occurred when his many friends were so widely scattered that such plans were deferred until later. A special committee of the Federal Council, consisting of Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. Charles E. Burton and Dr. W. Russell Bowie, recently announced that on Tuesday evening, February 16, in the Hotel Astor, New York, a Cadman Memorial Dinner will be held.

The addresses of the evening will be made by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who will speak upon "A Great Memory," and by Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones of Detroit, who follows in the succession of the Presidency of the Federal Council where Dr. Cadman served with such distinction. Dr. Jones will bear tribute to Dr. Cadman, "Prophet of Christian Unity." Announcement of an S. Parkes Cadman Memorial, sponsored by a national committee, will be made by Dr. Howard Melish, chairman of the executive committee in charge of the project. Brief messages of goodwill and tribute to Dr. Cadman will be brought by a personal representative of Cardinal

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Anyone interested may join in this tribute. The committee requests that reservations for the dinner be made in advance.

Dr. Tippy's New Task

When the retirement of Dr. Worth M. Tippy as Executive Secretary of the Federal Council's Department

of the Church and Social Service became effective on January 1, he accepted a new responsibility of great significance in connection with the churches and social service in Washington, D. C. During the present year he is to conduct a special study and experiment designed to work out a more adequate coöperation between the religious forces and the community agencies of the city. The experiment is being financed by a group of laymen.

Dr. Tippy has entered upon the project with great enthusiasm because it affords the possibility of being a demonstration center for a problem in which he has long been deeply interested.

Dr. Tippy will continue for the present to carry the responsibility for the Church Conference of Social Work and be a counsellor to the Federal Council in its program of social welfare and social action.

NEWS OF STATE AND LOCAL COÖPERATION

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Launching New Council

In connection with a visit of Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council, to Tulsa, Okla., on January 16 and 17 plans were carried forward which are expected to result, in the near future, in the creation of a Tulsa Council of Churches. A committee, under the chairmanship of Rev. Raybon W. Porter and including representatives of both the Ministerial Association and the Council of Religious Education, has for some time been considering ways and means of securing more effective church coöperation in Tulsa. The proposed plan contemplates the establishment of a council of churches of which the former Council of Religious Education will be the nucleus. The proposed constitution has been referred to the churches of the city for official action, and on February 15 there is to be a meeting of the delegated representatives of the churches, who will come with authority to take official action in setting up a new council.

One of the encouraging features of the meeting held on January 17 was the presence of more than fifty laymen from the different congregations of the city. Mr. B. P. Sibole, President of the Council of Religious Education and a leading Lutheran layman of the city, is especially active in plans for the new council.

New York State Has Successful Examples of Larger Parish

The annual meeting of the New York

State Council of Churches and Religious Education, held in Albany on January 12, was greatly heartened by the report that its operating budget for the year 1936 had been balanced. The reports of the General Secretary, Rev. Wilbur T. Clemens, and the Educational Secretary, Rev. Basil Young, were received as evidence of effective leadership.

One of the items of special interest in the annual report was the attention given to the development of the "Larger Parish Plan" in the State. Two new larger parishes have been set up, one in Johnsonville and one in Van Hornesville. In the Van Hornesville area, known as the Otzquaga Valley Larger Parish, great assistance has been received from Mr. Owen D. Young, head of the General Electric Company, who was born in the town and who is greatly concerned to see a strengthening of religious leadership there. There are seven Protestant church buildings in the area but not one of them has a resident pastor. Twenty-one hundred people live in the area. 535 of these are children, only 65 of whom were enrolled in any Sunday school. By a pooling of resources and with special help from interested individuals and denominational agencies, two full-time pastors will soon be at work aided by a full-time director of religious education who is already on the field. This is an impressive illustration of what becomes possible under the larger parish plan.

In the Johnsonville area, a Methodist Episcopal and a Presbyterian congregation have come together in the Hoosic

Valley Larger Parish. Both pastors continue, but their ministry is now diversified, one specializing in religious education, the other in preaching and pastoral work. Several other nearby churches are included in the comprehensive program of the parish.

Included in the report of Dr. Young was an emphasis on adult education, in connection with which ten regional conferences have been held in the State during the past year. Dr. Young appealed for larger financial support for the educational work, especially in the interest of a more effective maintenance of the community organizations, which he felt cannot be done without more adequate personnel.

Wichita to Employ Executive Secretary

At its annual meeting on January 15 the Wichita Council of Churches decided that the time had come to make an advance in its coöperative program and to secure an increased budget which would make this possible. For several years during the depression period the Council has been without an executive secretary. At the same time, a very effective program has been carried on in the field of religious education, including a schedule of week-day schools under the competent direction of Miss Elsie L. Miller. There has also been a City Secretary, Mr. Guy Stanton, who has been responsible for the office. At the annual meeting, presided over by Mr. Daniel W. Binford, a leading Quaker lay-

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Kansas Holds Convocation of Pastors

The seventh Kansas Convocation of Ministers was held in Topeka January 12-15. The Secretary, Rev. John B. Gonzales, had arranged a program which was ex-

pected to secure a record attendance, but the weather and the condition of the roads resulted in a disappointment in this connection. The general theme of the convocation was "Christian Pioneering of New Frontiers." The speakers included Bishop William Scarlett of St. Louis, Rev. Asa J. Ferry of Wichita, Rev. J. W. McDonald of the Kansas City Council of Churches, Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, and Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert of the Federal Council. The convocation was honored by the presence of Hon. Alfred M. Landon as an interested guest at

one of its sessions. Special interest was manifested in the liquor situation in the State, and a unanimous resolution was adopted urging the churches to stand unitedly behind a proposal to prevent any increase in the alcoholic content of beverage liquors.

New York Launches Community Sunday

As the BULLETIN goes to press the Greater New York Federation of Churches is engaged in a vigorous promotion of Community Sunday on January 31 as a means of stirring the churches of the city to concerted action in behalf of better social and spiritual conditions. A 24-page booklet has been prepared giving "Facts for Community Sunday." It sets forth the most important data concerning the housing and slum situation, the conditions under which the Negroes of the city live, delinquency and crime, unemployment, and public health. There is also a section giving information concerning the city's churches and the challenge to them presented by the dark aspects of community conditions. Against this background a "Plan of Action" is outlined under three objectives:

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One of the concrete methods for dealing with community problems was submitted in a resolution adopted at a meeting of church officers of the city, held in conjunction with the National Preaching Mission. This calls for the creation of a council of laymen representative of all denominations and of all racial and social groups within the Church, which is to be responsible for formulating plans and initiating action dealing with community problems and

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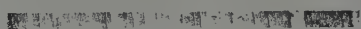
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Washington, D. C. Has Building of Its Own

The Washington (D. C.) Federation of Churches is the first to own its own building as headquarters for the coöperative life and work of the churches of a great city. The building which is to serve this purpose has been donated to the Federation by an anonymous giver. It is a twenty-room house located at 1749-1751 N Street. It is a fine old residence which needs to be remodeled for its purpose. The remodeling is to be begun soon.

Detroit Council Hears Dr. Jones

At the annual meeting of the Detroit Council of Churches held on January 14 Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, the newly elected President of the Federal Council of Churches, was the chief speaker. A record attendance of about 650 was present and heard a most encouraging report of progress. In the course of his address Dr.

Jones referred to vague charges which had been made in Detroit to the effect that the Federal Council is "communistic." He disposed of the charge in a vivid sentence which has been widely quoted: "If the Federal Council of Churches is communistic then the United States of America is a monarchy, Detroit is a cross-roads village, and I am an atheist."

Baltimore and Maryland In Unified Council

Three organizations functioning in the field of coöperative interests in Baltimore and Maryland are now being unified in a single organization which is to be known as The Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware. Rev. Ross W. Sanderson, who has for several years been serving as the Executive Secretary of the three organizations, is to be the General Secretary of the new body. The unified organization is in line with the present trend toward building up a single coöperative organization in behalf of cities and states responsible for all of the common tasks of the churches in those areas. It is also an experiment in bringing the coöperative program of a metropolitan city into a unified organization with the statewide agency of cooperation.

The Church Councillor, the organ of the coöperative movement in the State, in the issue for January 10, gives special attention to the activities of the county organizations through which the coöperative program is being rooted in smaller communities as well as in the great cities.

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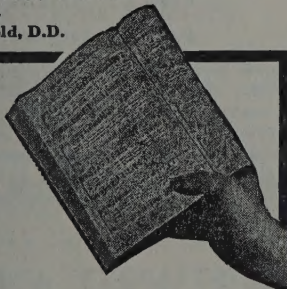
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